

**MEDIA RELEASE**

## **SUMMER SWIM SEASON BEGINS IN MID MURRAY**

The summer swimming season will get under way this week in the Mid Murray district, with the opening of the Cambrai Pool from 1 December 2021.

Challenges securing enough lifeguards to service both the Cambrai and Mannum pools has meant the Mannum Pool will be closed this week – however the Mid Murray Council is hopeful it will be up and running next week as soon as new lifeguards complete their training.

The Council put out an urgent call for lifeguards last month after a lengthy search failed to find enough staff for it to open both pools.

Thankfully, a positive response from potential lifeguard candidates has now allowed Council to recruit additional staff – and it is confident it will have a full complement of at least five lifeguards within the next week or two when the new staff have finished their necessary training.

Mid Murray Council Chief Executive Officer, Ben Scales, said the delay to the opening of the Mannum Pool was unfortunate, but Council staff were doing all they could to ensure it opens as soon as possible.

“While we’re disappointed we’re unable to open the Mannum Pool at the same time as the Cambrai Pool, we’re doing everything we can to have it open next week,” Scales says.

“Our pools have a special place in our community, and we’re excited that we’ve had such a positive response to our recruitment campaign. With the return of the warmer weather, and with school holidays around the corner, it will be fantastic for our community to have our pools operating again this summer season.”

The Cambrai Pool will open from Wednesday, 1 December 2021 and be open every day from 3.30pm to 7.30pm when the forecast temperature is 25C or above.

Council will notify the community of the Mannum Pool’s opening date and operating times as soon as a decision is made.

For more information on Council’s pool opening dates and times visit [www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/community/pools](http://www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/community/pools).

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